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Statement

The Millennium Development Goals to sustainable development goals cannot ignore or avoid the dangerous gap between income and distribution of wealth in all countries, especially country leaders not working together, only focusing on marketing and ignoring the starving poor.

"Patriotism" is mixed with extreme nationalism and religious conflict. Before reaching realistic solutions, attitudinal changes must occur, that require understanding and integrating life's links influencing humanity.

Primary attention must be focused on carrying out fair policies without distractions of profit or loss in many of these countries. It's obvious that corruption and greed play a major role in undermining sustainable development. Human nature has positive and negative elements allowing for manipulation by hungry leaders for personal gain.

Present day consumerism has pushed human beings to be severely competitive consumers of goods, constantly manipulated by the market. In order to construct a more just and sustainable social order, we need a drastic change of attitude focusing on the ethical values of the stakeholders, who influence the success or failure of all the policies involved. Qualities such as: moderation, justice, trust and service must be monitored, developed and taken very seriously by all those concerned, otherwise traits of ego, greed, indifference and aggression will continue pushing current patterns of unsustainable development.

Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals must have a platform for action based on a new standard of measurement. New ideas must be characterized by prioritizing the importance of global ethics as a beginning to foster unanimity of purpose.

As an example, we are working on an action plan called "Hugging Plan" which is an international orphan and homeless children care plan, a joint public welfare alliance of public welfare events, globally drawing attention to the dreams of these children and supporting the development of more people participation internationally. We sincerely hope that enterprises and loving care personnel with a sense of social responsibility will demonstrate that the world can join into this public welfare program together, cultivating sympathy and loving hearts, the younger generation will feel the value of helping each other. Giving love and attention to orphans and homeless children, will let the warmth pass on. This kind of support will always be remembered by the whole world and one day, for example, we will see Christian and Jewish families adopt Moslem orphans, and Moslem families adopt Hindu parentless children, so that the principles of the oneness of humanity, of universal love and of motherhood will apply to all children without any form of prejudice.